

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Previously Presented) A method of correcting the light amount of a printhead in which plural light-emitting chips, in which plural light-emitting elements are formed in a row, are disposed in a row, the method comprising:

determining beam profiles of the plural light-emitting elements including a joint of the light-emitting chips;

slicing the beam profiles at a predetermined level and determining distance between the light-emitting elements at the joint of the light-emitting chips from distance between median points of the sliced plane;

comparing the determined distance between the light-emitting elements with resolution pitch of the light-emitting printhead;

raising light amount of the light-emitting elements of at least one side of the joint of the light-emitting chips when the determined distance between the light-emitting elements is longer than the resolution pitch; and

lowering light amount of the light-emitting elements of at least one side of the joint of the light-emitting chips when the distance between the light-emitting chips is shorter than the resolution pitch.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of correcting the light amount of a printhead of claim 42, wherein when the determined distance between the light-emitting elements is represented as $d2$ (μm), the resolution pitch is represented as $d1$ (μm) and the change in the light amount of the light-emitting elements whose light amount is raised and lowered is represented as P (%), $d2 - d1 = P$.

4-5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) A printing apparatus comprising:

a printhead in which plural light-emitting chips, in which plural light-emitting elements are formed in a row, are disposed in a row;

a controller that determines beam profiles of the plural light-emitting elements including light-emitting elements at a joint of the light-emitting chips, and determines distance between the light-emitting elements at the joint of the light-emitting chips according to distance between median points of sliced plane made by slicing the beam profiles at a predetermined level; and

a driver that drives the plural light-emitting elements based on the distance determined by the controller and resolution pitch of the light-emitting printhead, light amount of at least one of two light-emitting elements which neighbor at the joint of the light-emitting chips being different from light amount of light-emitting elements which neighbor the two light-emitting elements.

7. (Previously Presented) A printhead comprising:

a light-emitting portion in which plural light-emitting chips, in which plural light-emitting elements are formed in a row, are disposed in a row;

a controller that determines beam profiles of the plural light-emitting elements including light-emitting elements at a joint of the light-emitting chips, and determines distance between the light-emitting elements at the joint of the light-emitting chips according to distance between median points of sliced plane made by slicing the beam profiles at a predetermined level; and

a driver that drives the plural light-emitting elements based on the distance determined by the controller and resolution pitch of the light-emitting portion, light amount of at least one of two light-emitting elements which neighbor at the joint of the light-emitting chips being

different from light amount of light-emitting elements which neighbor the two light-emitting elements.